

Zero Beat To Have New Editor Next Month

Frank Crow, WØHWH, Editor For 6 Years, Quits On Doctor's Orders, Dale Green, WØLDV, To Take Over

Frank Crow, WØHWH, editor of Zero Beat since June 1966, announced at the May Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association meeting that, effective with the publication of the June 1972 issue he was resigning as editor.

Dale Green, WØLDV, will take over Zero Beat, starting with the July issue.

In making the announcement, Frank stated that the decision was "not of my desire or my making." It was on the orders of his doctor after Frank had a second session in the Cardiac Ward of the Fort Carson Hospital the first week in May.

"Since I was taking a vacation in the Pacific Northwest the first three weeks in April, I realized that when I returned I would have less than a week to get the May Zero Beat edited, typed, retyped, pasted up and to the printer," Frank stated.

"For this reason, I asked the aid of PPRAA members in finding a good lot of local Zero Beat copy in my mail when I returned. This would give me an opportunity to get a good start on Zero Beat during the two or three days before I returned to my regular job.

"Evidently," Frank added, "no one paid attention to my request for assistance as there was not one piece of club news or material in my three-week accumulation of mail.

"In spite of this and since I had not, since I took over Zero Beat, missed getting out an issue, I decided I would still try to get out the May issue.

"Several telephone calls were made and I was promised immediate assistance. However, only two pieces of copy were received--one of them five days after the 'phone call, on the day I was supposed to get Zero Beat to the printer.

"Using mostly material from other radio club publications on hand and

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PPRAA 'Field Day' Participation, Activities To Be Discussed At June 14 Club Meeting

"ARRL Field Day-1972" will be the main topic of discussion at the June meeting of the PPRAA, June 14, in the lower level of the Security Savings East Building, East Platte and Union Boulevard. The meeting, as usual, will start at 7:30 p.m., with doors open at 6:30 for early arrivals who wish to engage in some of the many "monthly eyeballs QSOs" which take place prior to each PPRAA meeting.

CCN Manager Invites Amateurs To Join Colorado Traffic Net

Wayne Brown, W2TPV/Ø, the newly appointed manager of the Colorado Code Net (CCN) has invited new members to join the net and participate in its activities.

CCN meets daily at 1830 MDT on 3657 khz for the purpose of handling formal traffic in and out of Colorado.

This net is an integral part of the National Traffic System and maintains liaison daily with the Twelfth Region Net (TWN).

The net normally operates around 15 words per minute code speed, but any speed is welcome.

This provides an excellent opportunity to learn procedures of traffic handling and to improve your code speed, according to Wayne. Also, opportunities are available for stations to act as net control or liaison station to TWN, Wayne pointed out.

Wayne Brown, W2TPV/Ø, in charge of the June meeting, will discuss the details of the PPRAA participation in the annual event, which, this year, begins at noon, MDT, July 24 and runs until 3 p.m. the following day.

"Field Day is one of the most important of the PPRAA's annual activities," Wayne stated. "since it gives operators the opportunity to operate under conditions similar to those which we might face if we were forced to help provide emergency communications in case of a natural disaster. It provides the opportunity to practice operations with emergency power and under difficult conditions."

Wayne will be discussing the complete Field Day rules at the June meeting, as well as operating procedures and techniques. He will also be looking for volunteers to help set up, operate, log and keep operators awake during the "graveyard shift."

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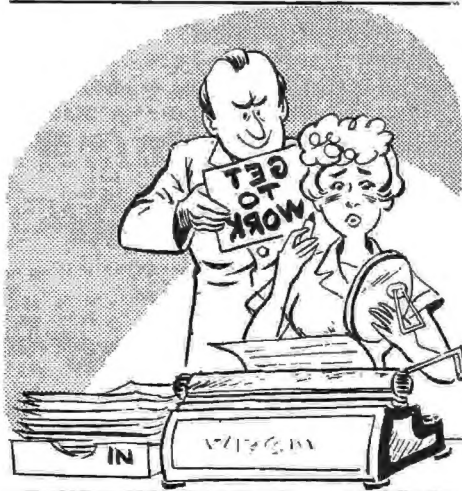
Novice's Notations

By Mike Anderson, WNØEQM

I would like to know of a spot that a novice station could be set up without a lot of "red tape." David, WNØFHO, and I are planning to erect our own Field Day station but we would like to have it where people can see it.

We have all equipment, including a 110 volt generator and David knows some of the radio announcers, so we will have publicity, so if you know a

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How about doing this (Getting to Work) for the new editor of Zero Beat, starting next month?

Two Code Classes Closed For Summer

The two PPRAA-sponsored evening classes--the advanced code speed one, on Tuesday evenings, under the direction of John Summers Sr., WAØHHN, and the Thursday evening slowspeed and theory class, conducted by Elmer Schladweiler, WAØWYX--have closed for the summer months.

Both series of classes have been "in session" every week since last September in the Civil Defense Communications Center in the basement of the Colorado Springs police station.

The closing, at the end of May, was to provide an opportunity for a well-deserved vacation period for the two instructors. Classes will begin again next fall, as they did following the end of the September 1970-June 1971 series of classes. Opening time of the new series of classes this fall will be announced in a future Zero Beat.

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EDITORIAL

How About YOUR 'Zero Beat Co-operation'?

As a final "plea" before relinquishing the editorship of Zero Beat we are again asking for more co-operation from the members of the PPRAA in getting out Zero Beat--asking this as a favor for Dale Green, WØLDV, who will have the task of editing Zero Beat starting with the next issue.

Putting out a good club publication, even with the co-operative efforts of the club members in providing the editor with "local news"--that of the activities of the club and its members--can be a "rough job." Without that co-operation, it is a "lot rougher," as we can well testify after doing it for six years.

The idea is well expressed in an editorial which appeared in the May 1972 of the "New Mexico Ham," published by the "New Mexico Hamvention" of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In the editorial, Ray Hill, W5ADM, the editor, says:

"In writing this editorial, I have searched my mind in trying to say just the right things, to keep from sounding petty. If you find these few words of offense, please forgive me, as I mean not to hurt you, but rather to bring to your attention some rather important things of which you should be aware.

"First of all, I have literally begged those of you who would contribute to the New Mexico Ham bulletin to get the copy to me around the 15th of the month. There are two organizations who comply with this. Others submit as much as two weeks late. I hate to print a short bulletin, but what can we do with such meager articles to work with?

"Second, we have received many articles from out of town; as a matter of fact these articles outnumber our own inputs by two to one. I would say this is not a good thing to happen. What I mean is, that our own in town and

in state Amateurs should contribute more than those from out of state. We dearly love to get articles from out of town and out of state, but I think that out local amateurs should take more interest in seeing that the New Mexico Ham bulletin is provided with the very best local information to be had.

"If some of these inadequacies are not corrected very soon, I will be forced to stop printing the New Mexico Ham bulletin no later than December 1972. If we get support, we will continue to print the bulletin, but it must be forthcoming very soon."

What we are trying to stress is also well expressed in the following excerpts from an editorial which appeared in the "Bandspread" of the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Amateur Radio Club.

In urging members of the club to "Resolve to Write Something," in line with often expressed "Resolve to Build Something," the editor pointed out that: "It's really easy. Simply write something that interests you and that you feel may be of interest to our readers."

That has been our message throughout our six years as editor. Had we received the co-operation which we and the other editors asked for and which we feel we deserve, perhaps, in trying to get out a "top-notch Zero Beat," we would not have wound up under doctor's care and "give it up" orders.

We have often wondered, while expending the tremendous effort, the cost to the club, of getting out the only quality Zero Beat we would want to publish: "Are the members of the PPRAA really interested in receiving a publication designed to pass on the news of the club and its members? Perhaps the mailing of only a postcard (and we don't even mean a "picture postcard"), giving the time, place and subject of the next meeting would suffice. This would also

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save the drain on the club treasury.

As Dale takes over, it is up to you members of the PPRAA to make the decision, through your cooperation, or your lack of it (as in the past) to indicate to him whether or not you DO want a good club publication, such as we have tried to make Zero Beat, or if we are right in our "supposition" that "just a postcard meeting notice" would do.

A good top-notch club like the PPRAA deserves a "top-notch bulletin" of news or articles. But don't expect one person to do it all and especially don't get your information to him late and make his task a last-minute exertion on his part to get out a good Zero Beat.

Our final word is: "If Dale, or perhaps his successor, if he, as I have, has to give up Zero Beat for some reason, gets disgusted because of the lack of or lateness of 'co-operation' as many club publication editors have (in the past) done, decides to "drop" Zero Beat and there may not be anyone then who wants to 'pick up the pieces'-- do not blame the editor--blame yourself for your lack of cooperation.

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John Summers Sr., WAØHHN, and Elmer Schladweiler, WAØWYX, who have freely given up evenings since last September as instructors at the Tuesday and Thursday evening PPRAA code and theory classes definitely deserve the praise and thanks of every member of the PPRAA. We are sure they have already received wholehearted thanks from those to whom they have passed on their knowledge of Amateur Radio.

---Frank, WØHWH



ROSIE'S REPORTINGS

By

Rosemarie Lewis

WAØMNL

Seems that all the news I have this months is illness and hospitals.

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WØHWH, Frank Crow, our editor, made another trip to the Cardiac Ward of the Fort Carson Hospital three days after getting the May issue of Zero Beat to the printer. Shortly after the ward crew had made sure Frank would stay in bed by wiring him to a cardiac monitor and placing an oxygen mask on his face, Frank's first "guest" was Jim Zajicek, PPRAA associate member, a patient in the same ward who was at least able to walk around.

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Shirley Kowalski, KYL of PPRAA President George, WØGCH, and son Kenneth spent some time in the Air Force Academy Hospital and Kenneth was later transferred to Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver for additional treatment. During Shirley's absence George says that "batching" was "really for the birds"--especially with the additional task of caring for his 6-year-old other "harmonic." He didn't enjoy it one bit.

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WAØERA, Eldon Lewis, spent some time at St. Francis Hospital and after getting out, fell into an empty swimming pool, resulting in some painful sprains that kept him off work an additional period. (Next time better try one with water in it--Frank)."

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K5RDY, Rhea Allison, was also at St. Francis Hospital--not as a patient, but as a "pink lady." She was a "refreshing sight."

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If all the above had been in the same hospital, we could almost have staged a ham convention--at least a special PPRAA meeting!

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KØZWI, Irene Pompea, enjoyed a trip back East, visiting relations and meeting editors she had never met before in person. She also toured the White House in Washington, D. C. and had tea with Mrs. Nixon.

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Quite a few of the local amateurs plan to take part in the VHF contest the first part of June.

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One of the local hams bought his YF 'somethin' sexy' to sleep in--a cab-over camper.

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Having worked closely with Frank in doing bits of news for my column, I am

sure no one will miss him as editor any more than I will. Frank has oftendone an excellent job of editing some of my items to make them more interesting and at times has even added an item or two he has picked up during his phone calls to try to get enough local items to fill Zero Beat.

Frank once told me that at one time he did some research into the background of the Crow family and found that the early family motto (in Scotland) had been "Faithful To Whom I Am Under an Obligation," and that he felt, while editor of Zero Beat, he was under an obligation to both Zero Beat readers and himself to put out the very best possible Zero Beat or hand the job over to someone else. What he has done with Zero Beat has shown he was really "faithful to that obligation"--building it up to a publication of which the PPRAA could really be proud and winning national prizes and recognition during the period. Many items from Zero Beat have been reprinted by other Amateur Radio club publications.

His task has often resulted in a very exhausting job, especially trying to get items to fill Zero Beat and get them in time for editing, typing and ready for the printer. I know of several times when, as the result of getting items late (or not getting promised items and having to write something to fill the space

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location, please get in touch with either David or me.

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I know I can speak for myself and many other novices when I say we are sorry to see Frank leave us as editor of Zero Beat. We have enjoyed his editorials so. If it had not been for Frank I would not have started writing these "notes." The only thing I can see is maybe I'll have a chance to have a QSO with him, hi!

he had saved for the items). faced with getting Zero Beat to the printer the next day to get it printed in time, he has worked well past midnight, then been up again before five that morning to get to his regular editing job--stripping the night's news from the United Press Teletype at Hq. Army Air Defense Command (ARADCOM) and editing to prepare the morning Daily News Summary, distributed throughout the Ent Air Force Base, Chidlaw and Peterson Field areas and writing for and helping to edit the ARADCOM monthly news magazine, the "Argus."

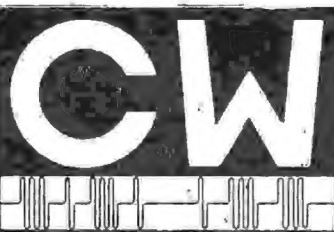
While I'm sure I will enjoy working with Dale Green when he takes over, I will surely remember with pleasure and thanks the long period I worked with Frank.

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President's Column

It was with much regret that the club accepted Frank's resignation as Zero Beat editor at the May meeting. He has poured a lot of blood, sweat and tears into the paper, it shows it and we appreciate it. Thank you, Frank, and good health!

Dale Green, our new editor, assures us that he is no relation to Wayne and we forgive him his prejudice toward telephones, so let's all give him a big helping hand!

I sat in on a very interesting meeting of the CCRAC Repeater Committee recently. Bill and Oak will have a report on it at the June meeting. It is a reassuring feeling to know that many people are putting a lot of time and effort to coordinate and upgrade our repeater systems and to let ARRL and FCC know

ARRL Report

By E. S. Van Deusen, W3ECP

(Excerpts from the report taken from the May 1972 "Auto Call" of the "Foundation for Amateur Radio")

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Systems Development Corporation has been contracted by the Army to make a study of the RACES situation with a view of recommending changes, possibly expanding the RACES basis to include all amateur frequencies, in liaison with AREC and other amateur operations.

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League Headquarters is adopting a four day week for an experimental period. By using two work crews, the offices will actually gain time and will be open for 50 hours, instead of the present 41 hours. The only disadvantage seen is possible unavailability of individuals to visitors at times.

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In response to an inquiry by Senator Goldwater, Chairman Burch of the FCC indicates concurrence with the view that there is minimal AM operation now on the 80-through 15-Meter bands and that it might be a good idea to phase out AM by an amendment of the rules. This has been foreseen as a forthcoming development by many influential amateurs for quite some time and everybody should be prepared to make their position known to their Directors if and when the commission comes out with a proposed rule-making. There are potent arguments both pro and con on the subject and it is a step which should not be taken without full consideration of every phase of the matter.

(If this goes through, looks like I am going to have to sell my AM equipment to a museum, rob a bank to buy some new gear, or resign from Amateur Radio as well as resigning from the editorship of Zero Beat, --Frank, W0HWH)

of our desires and accomplishments.

Vacation time is here and many mobiles are showing up on 2 meters. Do your best to help them in road directions and sightseeing information.

Fred, W0QN, recently was first on the scene of an auto accident with injuries up Ute Pass and notified the

HELLO USSR-50

The Soviet Union has invited ham radio operators around the world to call Russian hams on stations cleared for the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union. "Radio hams throughout the world can establish everyday contact with their Soviet colleagues using the call signal USSR-50," the official TASS news agency said. "Five radio stations of the Union Republics will respond to the following call signals: UA5OA, UA6OB, UA5OC, UA5OD and UA5OE."

State Patrol through the WA0VTV repeater. Jim WA0RZL, got stuck in a hail storm half a mile from the top of Cheyenne Mountain in his "street-car" and was able to get a tow from Clyde, WA0JNO, by calling him through the repeater. So take along a 2 meter rig on your vacation trip and find out how it can often turn frustration into safety and fun.

Personel note: Tell me, Marty, why is it we always "go in the hole" on our coffee fund when we have dough-nuts?

Field Day is approaching at a gallop now so get prepared. Brush up on contest operating procedures and get your gear together. We especially need warm bodies at the Saturday noon set-up, the 3 a. m. doldrums and the Sunday 3 p. m. tear down. And if you haven't participated in a PPRAA Sunrise FD breakfast, you haven't lived!

--73, George, W0GCH

Regulated Low Voltage Power Supply

By Bob Shriner, WA0UZO

(From the Pueblo Ham Club "Grid Leak")

As more and more sonobouys, HR-2 transceivers and walkie-talkies show up around town we find the need for small regulated 12 volt power supplies.

This is a circuit I have used in many forms and it works very well. It can be used to directly power practically any transistor set up to about two amps with good regulation.

None of the parts are critical. Any switch, fuze and transformer may be used--the AC output of the transformer should be a little over 12 volts and the capacitor will charge up to 16 volts or better, allowing plenty of room for regulation.

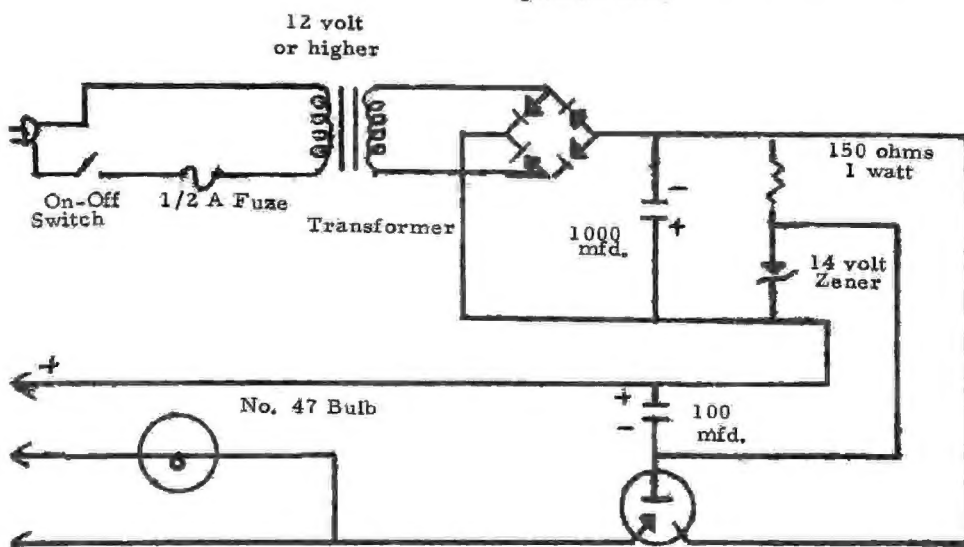
Any capacitor may be used as long as it is rated at 1000 mfd, or better at

the highest voltage that can be developed (AC volts x PEP or AC volts x 1.4).

The rectifier used will depend upon what you have on hand or shuffle off down to the country store and pick up some 151 diodes. While you are there, you might as well pick up a HEP transistor or whatever you can get ahold of that will handle around 30 watts.

A little minibox to mount your components in will have you well on the way --drill holes to suit the parts you picked up and use the box as a heat sink for the transistor.

A No. 47 lamp in the output will allow you to charge nickle cad batteries. Just hook on and forget them--a 12 volt pack may be charged on this supply with good results.



ROUTE MANAGER'S CORNER

By
Bud Thompson
WØLRN

(Unfortunately this column was received about a week after the May Zero Beat went to the printers. However, as it is still pertinent, we are printing it in this issue of Zero Beat. - Frank)

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On Thursday night, April 27 (local WØLRW was performing his regular weekly duty as NCS on the Colorado Code Net (CCN 0130Z - 3667.7 khz. daily). As I first checked in and then monitored, I could not believe my ears; each time the NCS would stand by after a general call, an additional station would check in! This went on for seven minutes until a total of 15 stations had accumulated from all over the Section and from South Dakota as well.

Before you scoff at my enthusiasm, please consider: (1) This is a CW only net and (2) many hams think CW is an outmoded way to communicate and to handle traffic.

When I first came to Colorado (five years ago) a good night on CCN was six or perhaps seven stations, most of which were located in the Denver metro area,

or along the Front Range. Frequently only one or two stations would show.

For the past eight months to a year, the daily average has been above eight check ins, with many nights more than 13 and up to 16 reporting in from over the Section.

You can believe me when I tell you that each of the operators is able and willing to handle your traffic in proper form.

These guys have become regularly active on CCN and other NTS nets (CW and 'phone) so as to offer an efficient relay service for routine and emergency times. They know the net and message procedures and the ins and outs of the National Traffic System (NTS).

As I monitor, I hear fewer and fewer requests for fills, and only seldom a request for explanation of a procedure. Message handling code speed off frequency is creeping up without sacrificing accuracy or efficiency. On the net frequency, the speed is reduced to keep the newcomers coming along without scaring them off.

This must be working: nine of the 33 regulars in March (last month for which statistics are available) hold WBØ calls. I know of at least six of the 33 who are still in high school! (Two of our high school age pros hold regular NCS positions on the Pacific Area Net (PAN)--the granddaddy of them all where 30-40 stations check in each night and the message load exceeds 60 many sessions!).

Four of our "young set" hold regular NCS of liaison slots on CCN and several

Colorado stations, young and "old," hold down similar jobs on the Twelfth Region Net (TWN). At least three Colorado stations are in the elite Trans Continental Corps (TCC), which is just about as far as you can go!

Not all the "newcomers" are young in years. One recent addition has a two letter call and one of our most active traffic handlers in the past year held a license for 30 years before he tried traffic nets!

Much of this success for CCN is due to a high spirited management. About a year ago KØECR (now W7IQU) resigned after several many successful years as CCN manager. He was replaced by WAØYNP, who has carried on admirably and is now retiring from his job with the Federal Government as well as with CCN.

Effective May first W2TPV/Ø will be slipping on the hat of net manager. (Note Wayne, W2TPV/Ø, is the treasurer and a very active member of the PPRAA--Editor).

The eagerness with which the past net managers have approached their jobs is a credit to their dedication and to the purposes of the Amateur Radio Public Service Corps.

We all wish Mory, WAØYMP, happiness in his retirement and Wayne, W2TPV, success in the future with CCN.

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CW traffic nets on the way out? Listen in on 3657.5 at 0130Z tonight and find out. (Check in and we may set a new record).

New Editor

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working long hours, I managed to get the Zero Beat forms to the printer just before he closed on Friday afternoon. I didn't even have time to proofread to see if there were typing mistakes to correct on the pages," Frank stated.

Frank took over Zero Beat, then a two to three paged mimeographed newsletter, from Art Mayer, WAØAEH, in 1966. During the subsequent 73 monthly issues Frank put out, he built Zero Beat up to an eight-page printed publication which has been rated among the top Amateur Radio club publications in the nation.

In the 1969 Amateur Radio News Service publications contest in 1969 (competing with approximately 100 publications) Zero Beat won third prize for editorials. The following year, 1970, two ARNS awards were given--one for the best editorial and one for third place in technical articles. Results from the 1971 ARNS competition, in which the publication is entered, have not yet been announced.

Following the announcement of the end of his editorship at the May meeting, Frank was given a standing ovation by all who attended the meeting and was unanimously voted a life membership in the PPRAA in recognition of his work.

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Since, although we are eligible, we don't yet feel quite ready to retire from Civil Service until we are forced to do so, that left us only one action--give up our editing of Zero Beat. Perhaps, about three and a half years from now, when we are forced, at age 70, to retire from Civil Service, if at that time Zero Beat needs an editor, we may again consider taking on the job.

Although building Zero Beat from the two or three-page mimeographed publication it was before we took over to its present form hasn't been an "easy task" by any means, we have, for the most part, enjoyed it--especially as a sense of "accomplishment of a goal." Admittedly, several times, especially when pleas for more "local articles and news" have seemingly fallen on deaf ears or when material has arrived late, causing a last minute heavy work load to get Zero Beat ready for the printer, we have several times drafted a "resignation editorial" which, in effect, has said "If you can't get us material for Zero Beat, or you can't get it to us on time--find someone else to put out the thing with all its headaches."

Such editorials, however, never got beyond the "draft stage" and ended up in the wastebasket. We were still determined to get out a Zero Beat that we, and the PPRAA, could be proud of.

With these memories in mind, we have one final request to make. As the new editor, Dale Green, takes over, PLEASE don't treat him in such a fashion--give him your utmost cooperation and make his job as easy as we would have liked ours to have been. Give him your utmost cooperation--get him plenty of material and get it to him on time!!

Our deepest thanks to Rosie Lewis, WADMNL, for all the news with which she provided for us--may we have had more like her during our editorship!! Also our thanks to the publications with which we exchanged, for articles and information which we reprinted from them.

As we begrudgingly add "30" to our "73" with this issue, we also add our "Thanks for the memories--thanks for putting up with our occasional "crusading" for actions which we felt would help improve the club and Amateur Radio." We just hope Zero Beat readers will miss us even half as much as we will miss them!!

--Frank, WØHWH

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Descendants of the old woman who lived in the shoe now live on a shoe-string.

The SCM Shack = = = = By Clyde Penney, WAØHLQ

Previous articles have covered the requirements for appointments as Official Observer (OO) and Official Bulletin Station (OBS) in the League Officials family. This article deals with the requirements for appointment as official VHF Station (OVS).

OVS appointees are dedicated to developing successful communications systems, equipment applications, and to collecting propagation data applicable to all Amateur Bands above 50 Mc., including RTTY operations. Net operations, as well as Public Service preparedness, is also encouraged.

Don't Try This--
You Might Get 'Burned'

There is a story going the rounds of all better business bureaus about a man who bought several hundred expensive cigars and then had them insured against fire. After he had smoked them, he filed a claim with the insurance company that they were destroyed by fire. Naturally the insurance company refused to pay and the man sued. The judge decided that because the insurance company had agreed to insure the cigars against fire, it was financially responsible. As soon as the man accepted the money, the insurance company had him arrested on a charge of arson.

(Minnesota MARS News Letter)

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It seems as if the human race has gone to a lot of trouble to improve everything except people.

The requirements for appointment as Official VHF station (OVS), are as follows:

(1) Applicants must be operating a station on one or more bands, 50-54 Mc., 144-148 Mc., or higher frequency bands.

(2) Applicants must indicate on forms provided, the problems and experimental projects in which they are especially interested.

(3) Applicants must agree to report to ARRL their contacts, observations, net participation and experimental progress, including details of unusual conditions, distances worked, signals and effects observed, identifying station calls and other pertinent data and information.

(4) All on-the-air experimental work shall be conducted in compliance with FCC rules and regulations and in accordance with the highest Amateur ethics.

(5) Applicants should also exemplify and demonstrate the capabilities of VHF nets for rendering communications services to the public and to Amateur Radio. When handling traffic, appointees shall follow standard ARRL procedures and message handling formats and shall maintain some form of contact whereby liaison to NTS will be available as necessary.

Monthly activity forms are available from the SCM on which VHF station appointees may report their activities each month. These reports are to be mailed to the SCM each month. The SCM will, in turn, review these reports and forward them to ARRL headquarters for possible use in QST.

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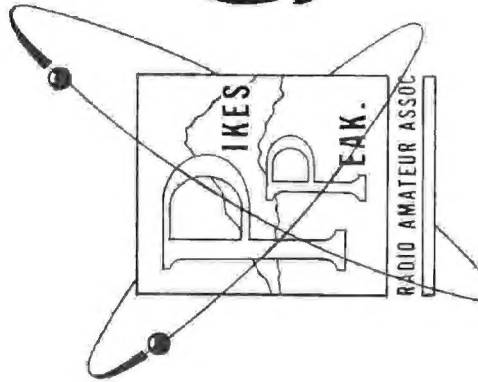
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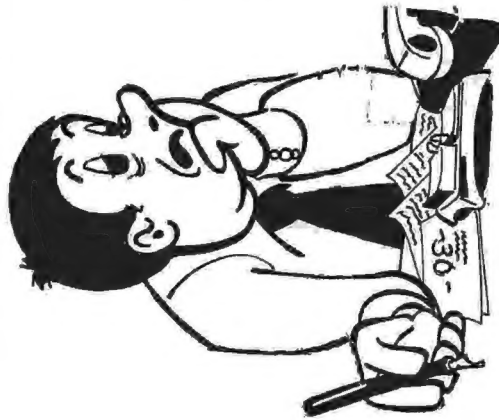


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"30" has long been the phrase used in the journalistic field to indicate the end of a story or article and it seems most fitting that we use it here to indicate the end of our period as editor of Zero Beat.

This is, without doubt, the most difficult of editorials that we have written during our six years at the "helm" of this publication. In fact we have a large "file 13" filled with drafts of the start of it.

After putting out nearly 75 issues of Zero Beat (we missed that mark only by two issues) Zero Beat has become a definite part of our "monthly routine." To say that we are going to miss it is putting it rather mildly, it is definitely a case of giving up a long-cherished "goal"--that of making Zero Beat the "top" among Amateur Radio club publications. We believe that after the "long six year pull" we have pretty well reached that goal and, of course, having done so, we would like to have continued.

However, as our doctor pointed out before releasing us from our second "sojourn" in the cardiac ward of the Fort Carson Hospital, we had to slow down, to relax more, or suffer what might be future consequences should we have to again find ourselves hooked to a cardiac monitor, an oxygen tank and other medical apparatus. We had to give up something--Zero Beat or our job as assistant editor of the Army Air Defense Command monthly news magazine, the "Argus."

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